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Following is a translated extract from a letter dated 25 Mar 47, written by the Central Committee of Jews in Poland to the ZP PPR (Polityburo of the Polish Workers Party.)

1. "Animosity toward Jews in Poland is growing because of their prominence in the Polish Government. Disproportion between the governmental roles of Jews and Poles is one of the forces which, independently of any degree of Hitlerism, is creating Polish nationalism. Growing nationalism is apparent in different forms in all parties, organizations, and classes from the NSZ (National Armed Forces) to the PPR.
2. "Under changed political conditions this wave of anti-Semitism, led by radical nationalists, might liquidate the Jewish oligarchy in Poland and precipitate a general persecution of Jewish society. Let us not forget that although the barbaric Hitler State has disappeared an active German nation still exists. The Hitler seed--anti-Semitism--is still alive.
3. "As long as there is growing antagonism between the US and the USSR, German influence will play a dominant economic and political role in Europe, and will exert an increasing force in all political, economic, military, racial, and colonial problems throughout the world. Anglo-Saxon nations, interested in and worried by the USSR's ascendancy and its entry into the Mediterranean area, are trying to win Germany and direct her political and economic force against the USSR.
4. "If the USSR is beaten in a conflict, what will be the situation of the Jews--Jews who are now the governing elite in Poland and the USSR as well as those who are neither participating in nor profiting from the privileges of power? We do not know. Nevertheless this eventuality must be considered.
5. "The approach of war is indicated by: raw material scarcity in the US; rise of world wages and prices; growing unemployment; constant eruptions of revolutions and strikes; envenomed situations in Germany, China, Japan, Greece, Turkey, and Palestine; growing radicalism of the working masses in Europe and America; the armament race; and resurgence of nationalism.

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6. The Jewish problem in Poland must not be ignored; it must not fester constantly. A favorable solution must be found for the present and the future."

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